

# Brotherhood In Annual Meeting

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Directors of the Brotherhood Commission approved a record \$512,540 budget, re-elected officers, and asked their Executive Committee to look into building needs.

The new budget, which was

made retroactive to October 1, topped the 1966 fiscal year budget by \$46,540.

Major divisions of the budget included program development, \$295,765 up \$5,354; business services, \$101,050 up \$5,083; accounting, \$21,850 down \$896; and administrative, \$93,875 up \$37,001.

The Brotherhood Commission will receive \$266,100 of its budget from the Cooperative Program, a denominational financing plan, and the remainder from the sale of materials.

The Brotherhood Commission provides four magazines, books, other printed materials, and miscellaneous merchandise in support of missionary education for men, young men, and boys in 17,000 Southern Baptist churches throughout the United States.

Officers re-elected included Hugh Cantrell of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, chairman; Fred Worrill of Atlanta, Georgia, vice-chairman; Lucius Marion of Clarksdale, Mississippi, secretary; and George W. Schroeder, executive secretary-treasurer.

Cantrell is director of in-service training at Ouachita Baptist University, Worrill, an advertising executive, and Marion, pastor of Clarksdale. (Continued on page 3)

## LBJ Asks Nation To Share

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson appealed to America "to share its blessings with our brothers abroad" as he proclaimed Thanksgiving Day, 1966.

The president called on the nation to be thankful to God for the unprecedented prosperity now enjoyed by so many Americans. He expressed the hope that other people could be helped toward prosperity.

"Simple justice and a concern for our fellow man require that we be ready to offer what we can of our food, our resources, our talents, our energies, our skills, and our knowledge to help others build a better life for themselves," Mr. Johnson said.

After listing the many items that Americans enjoy in abundance the President pointed out the absence of peace in the world. He said, "Our men are engaged again, as they have been on so many other Thanksgivings, on a foreign field fighting for freedom. But we can be thankful for their strength that has always kept our liberty secure."

The President complying with an act of Congress proclaims the fourth Thursday of November in each year "as a day of national thanksgiving."

"Let us, therefore, in this splendid American tradition, thank Him who created us and all that we have. Let us do so with a firm resolve to be worthy of His abundant blessings. Let us assemble in our homes and in our places of worship, each in his own way," he concluded.

IN MERIDIAN—

## Students Will Convene



Dr. Kenneth L. Chaffin

### BWA Group To Visit In Russia

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A seven-member Baptist World Alliance delegation left here for a 20-day visit to the Soviet Union as guests of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists.

The group included Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Washington, BWA general secretary, and three other Baptists and three Mennonites.

They were Dr. W. Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., former Southern Baptist Convention president; the Rev. John W. Williams of Kansas City, Mo., a BWA vice-president; and Adolph Klumpke, religious coordinator for the BWA.

Also William T. Snyder of Akron, Pa., executive secretary. (Continued on page 3)

Up to 1000 Mississippi Baptist college students are expected to attend the annual State Baptist Student Convention to be held at Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Meridian Dec. 2-4.

Rev. Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, sponsoring agency, said the students would come from the more than 30 colleges and schools in the state.

Presiding will be Franklin Eubanks, of Ruleville, a student at Ole Miss and president of the State Baptist Student Convention. Conference theme will be "Learn of Me."

Principal speakers will be Dr. Jasper L. McPhail, Southern Baptist medical missionary to India, and thoracic surgeon, Baylor Hospital, Houston, Texas; Dr. Kenneth L. Chaffin, professor of evangelism, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. John H. Traylor, Jr., pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Music director will be Rusty McIntire, senior at Mississippi College.

Features will include a series of simultaneous conferences, reports from 1966 BSU summer missionaries, business session, presentation of 1967 summer missions program, special music and devotionals by the students. (Continued on page 5)

### California Gets New Executive

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)—New executive secretary of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California is Robert D. Hughes of Long Beach, Calif.

Hughes, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Long Beach since 1960, was elected to the state's top Baptist office. (Continued on page 2)

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## 15,000 Attend Final Graham Berlin Rally

WEST BERLIN (RNS) — Billy Graham concluded an eight-day crusade in Germany here with a final rally before some 15,000 persons, bringing total attendance to 90,000.

A spokesman for the American evangelist reported that a total of 2,740 persons had come forward following the eight rallies to make "decisions for Christ." About half of them were young people.

The crusade was a prelude to the World Congress on Evangelism (Oct. 26-Nov. 4), to which nearly all Protestant groups in 106 countries were expected to send delegates.

Mr. Graham, who also held Berlin crusades in 1954 and 1960, was to serve as honorary chairman of the World

Congress, sponsored by Christianity Today, conservative Protestant fortnightly in Washington, D.C.

In a press interview, Mr. Graham said he was being called the "machine gun of God" by Germans—their description of his rapid delivery. He expressed hope it was complimentary.

He replied to critics of his evangelism methods, saying that "a certain amount of controversy is good. One of the great faults of the church is its lethargy. Paul was controversial. Christ was controversial. The kind of work I do is bound to be controversial. I do not deliberately try to be controversial."

Recently Anglican Archbishop Arthur Michael Ramsey of Canterbury became involved in controversy when he was reported as saying the Graham type of evangelism was too emotional for today's times and that what was needed is an intellectual and thoughtful approach.

However, Dr. Ramsey said later that he had been misquoted and explained that what he had stated was that (Continued on page 2)

## Plans Set For India Hospital

Dr. Ralph C. Bethea, Southern Baptist missionary to India, is completing negotiations for land in Bangalore, Mysore State, and has found state health officials eager to smooth the way for the establishment of a Baptist hospital there, reports Dr. Winston Crawley, secretary for the Orient for the Foreign Mission Board.

Dr. Crawley, who is currently making his headquarters in Hong Kong, spent two days with the Betheas, father and son, in mid-October.

Dr. and Mrs. Bethea (from Memphis, Tenn.) transferred to India this summer, having formerly served in Indonesia and Tanzania. They and their six sons arrived in Bangalore in August. The oldest boy, Ralph, Jr., is a first-year student in a Bangalore college.

The only Southern Baptist missionaries now in India, Dr. and Mrs. Bethea "are probably more than 1,000 miles from the nearest Southern Baptist missionaries," says Dr. Crawley.

## Church Beginning To Die, Says Criswell

TULSA, Okla. (BP) — The pastor of the largest church in the Southern Baptist Convention predicted here that Christianity will be practically non-existent by the year 2,000.

W. A. Criswell of Dallas, speaking to the annual Sunday School Convention of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, declared here that "our church and denomination is beginning to die."

Tracing the decline of Christianity through history, Criswell stated that 100 years ago one-fourth of the world's population was evangelical Christian. "Today, eight per cent of the people in the world are Christian."

The pastor of the 13,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas paralleled the decline of Christianity with the shift of population from rural to urban areas, and with the rise of elaborate church buildings and "vast cathedrals."

Unless we find some way to reach the people in the big cities of America, evangelical Christianity may be doomed, he said. (Continued on page 2)



BERLIN'S Kongresshalle is the site of the World Congress on Evangelism which is being held Oct. 26-Nov. 4—RNS photo.

## Berlin Meet Opens

BERLIN, Germany (Special) — Evangelist Billy Graham, in his opening address to 1,250 delegates at the World Congress on Evangelism gathered in Berlin's famed Kongresshalle, made an earnest appeal to the world church to return to the dynamic zeal for evangelization that characterized the Edinburgh Conference half a century ago. "Unless the supernatural love of God controls the hearts of men, we may be on the verge of a world-wide racial war too horrible to contemplate," Graham said on the official opening day of the 10-day Congress which ends November 4.

Graham told the Christian leaders from 104 countries and some 100 denominations and groups, gathered for what was believed to be the broadest representation of any audience he ever addressed, that "in many circles the church has an energetic passion for unity," but has "all but forgotten our Lord's commission to evangelize."

Serving as honorary chairman of the Congress, which is being sponsored by the theological journal "Christianity Today," of Washington, D.C., as a tenth anniversary project, Graham added that the church's greatest need was not organizational union but "to be baptized with the fire of the Holy Ghost and to go out proclaiming the Gospel everywhere."

"We must first have spirit- (Continued on page 2)

## EVIDENTLY THE AUTOMOBILE AGE IS FAST VANISHING

It is evident that we are living in a new age. The following item adapted from the First Baptist Reminder of the First Church, Dallas, Texas is a proof:

Two classes in one of the Young Adult departments of the church were having a social at the home of one of the members. A couple who lived on the other side of the city "rented a plane at Red Bird Airport and flew across town to Dallas-Garland Airport in order to attend this affair. It looks as if the auto age is vanishing!"

## FIRED PASTOR ADDED TO MERCER STAFF

MACON, Ga. (BP) — The Baptist minister ousted as pastor of Tattall Square Baptist Church here because he urged the church to seat Negroes in worship services has now been named assistant to the president for public relations at Mercer University here.

Thomas J. Holmes will assume the position with offices only a few blocks from the church that fired him. The church is located on the corner of the Baptist school's campus.

Meanwhile, reaction from around the world has poured into Macon decrying the action of the church, which voted Sept. 25 to fire Holmes, associate pastor Douglas Johnson, and music director Jack Jones. Vote on the ouster was 250-189.

On the Sunday the vote was taken, a Mercer student from Ghana who said he was a product of Southern Baptist missions work in Africa was turned away from the church by ushers and held by police until after the service. He tried again to attend the service the next Sunday, but was rebuffed again.

Holmes said he had received more than 200 communications, including cablegrams from missionaries around the world. Almost all

of them said that what happened at Tattall square hurts the Christian cause everywhere.

Editorial comments in Southern Baptist publications echoed the same theme, one even suggesting that the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board should return all missions money that the Tattall Square church has given to foreign missions.

In the wake of all the reaction, the church has apparently split over the issue and the controversy that has resulted.

About 100 members of the (Continued on page 2)

## 100 Preachers Sought For Africa Crusade

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has been asked to enlist about 100 preachers for a simultaneous revival crusade in South Africa, now scheduled for September 1967.

Eual F. Lawson, associate in the board's division of evangelism, will direct the effort, which will be similar to the 1965 crusade in New Zealand.

"The Baptist Union of South Africa voted in an assembly meeting to request our help," Lawson said. "We will take about 100 evangelists and I will work with local Baptist officials in planning and organizing the crusade."

There are 128 Baptist churches in South Africa, with about 15,200 members, Lawson said. A few churches in Rhodesia and Zambia also will participate.

Lawson said the Baptist Union has set a goal of training at least 5,000 lay people to mount an intensive personal witnessing campaign during the months leading up to the revivals.

"I think nothing could be better for the dissemination, because the emphasis will not be placed on visitors (Continued on page 2)

## Catholic Priest Preaches In Baptist Church

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (BP) — When a Roman Catholic priest preached to a packed crowd at the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, the response was "fabulous."

This is how the pastor of the 4,600-member church, C. A. Roberts, described reaction to the televised morning worship service which featured a sermon by Lawrence Cunningham, chaplain of the Catholic Student Center at Florida State University here.

Roberts, current president (Continued on page 2)



## Fired Pastor Joins Staff At Mercer

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church have begun holding informal services at other locations in Macon. Holmes and Johnson have each addressed the group, but have had no official connection with it.

Services were held Sunday, Oct. 16, at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Macon by the group, which calls itself the Christian Fellowship. It has, however, no official name or formal plans for constituting as a church.

The outgoing chairman of deacons at Tattall Square, Jerry Rogers, said that about 35 former members have requested letters of dismissal from the troubled church since the staff was fired.

A member of the Christian Fellowship group, Gary Hina-baugh, said that Negroes have been meeting with the group. One Negro sang in the choir Sunday, and four others were in the congregation when they met at the Episcopal church.

All involved seem deeply about the world-wide reaction to the vote to fire the staff, the refusal to seat the Negro student from Ghana, and the earlier vote this summer to establish a policy refusing to allow Negroes to attend worship services.

Most published reports have lauded the staff, some almost making a martyr of Holmes, and have chided the church members for being "un-Christian."

A strong editorial in the Capital Baptist, weekly newspaper of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, urged either the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention or the SBC Foreign Mission Board draw a check to be presented on the steps of the church to the chairman of deacons.

"We think that Southern Baptists ought, in a dramatic way, say that we disapprove of such action by giving back to the church all that they have given to foreign missions," wrote editor James O. Duncan.

"The Southern Baptist foreign mission cause cannot afford the luxury of the support of churches that behave in such a way," Duncan said. "Cut down on the mission program, if we must, but let those who go forth not be destroyed by those who stay here."

He said, however, that since each Baptist church is autonomous and no one controls their actions, little can be done for the church except to love them and pray for them.

## 15,000 Attend...

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"we need an evangelism which gives more space to the social content of Christianity and to the intellectual difficulties of belief." He said that satisfaction with older methods of evangelism should not blind Christians to the urgent need for new approaches.

Mr. Graham, commenting on the "emotional" claim, said, "I'm not so sure there is so much emotionalism. But when you have a big crowd, it creates its own emotion. One of the reasons so many young people are outside the church is because there is too little emotionalism."

The evangelist added that he believed "I have developed a style that is unique, that holds the attention of thousands of people. Many people ask me, how do I speak through an interpreter? I do it by saying no more than a short sentence, a phrase, a word at a time, speaking extemporaneously."

## 100 Preachers...

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coming from overseas and evangelistic campaigns, but first and foremost on the witnessing church," C. W. Farnell, general secretary of the Baptist Union, wrote in extending the invitation.

"Southern Baptists are requested to pray now and without ceasing for this tremendous work of God without the power of God," Lawson said.



DR. EARL KELLY, (second from left), was the principal speaker on October 23 at the dedication of Thomas Fine Arts Center at William Carey College. Shown with Dr. Kelly are President J. Ralph Noonkester, (left) and Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Thomas. The portrait shown was unveiled during the services and presented to the school in honor of the Thomases for whom the building was named. It was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Carpenter of Brownwood, Texas, daughter and son-in-law of the Thomases.

## Berlin Meet Opens

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ual unity in the Gospel," Graham emphasized to a colorful audience, many of whom were attired in the traditional dress of their culture. He said one of the great questions before the Congress is: Can the church be revived in order to complete the penetration of the world in our generation?

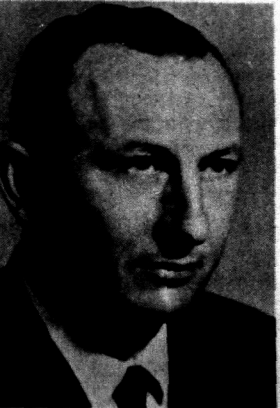
Choosing two New Testament texts (John 4:35 and Matthew 9:37-38) Graham said the Congress was timely because there is confusion throughout the world church as to the meaning, the message, the strategy and the method of evangelism. "Do we want unity among true believers throughout the world? Then evangelize."

Graham said, "I believe that some of the greatest demonstrations of ecumenicity in the world today are these evangelistic crusades where people have been meeting by the thousands from various denominations with the purpose of evangelizing."

### Chairman Speaks

The full cooperation of evangelical Christians around the world, no matter what their color, country or denominational affiliation, is required to fulfill the great commission of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all men.

The 1,200 people to whom this admonition was given on the eve of the opening of the 10-day World Congress on Evangelism in Berlin included many races and a wide variety of Protestant groups from about 100 nations. Delivering the address to set the stage for the Congress was Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, chairman of the Congress and editor of "Christianity Today."



Robert D. Hughes

## California Gets...

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list post during a called meeting of the convention's Executive Board here.

The position has been vacant for six months following the resignation of Grady C. Cothen to become president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla.

The committee which recommended Hughes reported that 81 individuals had been recommended to them, and that all had been given both careful and prayerful consideration.

Hughes will assume the position effective on or before December 1.

He has been a pastor in California since 1948 when he became pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church in Ventura, Calif. Previously he was pastor of churches in Arkansas and Texas.

a Washington, D.C. magazine issued fortnightly from Washington, D.C., USA.

Dr. Henry's view of the urgency and timeliness of the Congress was stated in this fashion: "This may be the last time in human history that disciples of Jesus Christ are free to meet face-to-face on a global basis for such a goal. Even now some of you occupy seats that were first assigned to delegates unable to secure visas."

Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia, giving the opening address to the World Congress on Evangelism, told the 1,200 delegates that "this age above all ages is a period in history when it should be our crowning duty to preach the Gospel to all our fellow men."

Tracing the history of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church, which he also serves as head, Selassie described the "great struggle to preserve Ethiopia as an island of Christianity."

Ockenga on Program  
Evangelism must be Biblical to be authoritative, and it must recognize the trinity to be Biblical, a Boston pastor said at the World Congress on Evangelism here.

"The removal of the Bible from the central place of authority in Protestantism has debilitated its power to evangelize," Harold John Ockenga, pastor of Park Street Church in Boston, told the 1,200 delegates in Berlin's Kongresshalle.

"The necessity for a return to Biblical authority is the reason for our gathering," said Ockenga. "A Biblical foundation supports all great movements of evangelism."

The idea that the church's first duty is to reform society is utterly false, and those who say that modern man is not "guilt-laden about sin" are mistaken.

So stated a British minister at midpoint in the October 26-November 4 World Congress on Evangelism to 1,200 delegates and observers gathered here from 104 countries.

The Rev. John R. W. Stott, rector of All Souls Church, London, and the Queen's chaplain, said that "rather, the church's commission is fundamentally to preach the Gospel..." and to "let redeemed individuals free from the guilt of sin influence the society in which to live and work."

## Catholic Priest...

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of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference, was speaking at the Baptist Student Union Convention in Fort Worth, Tex., on the Sunday (Oct. 16) the Catholic priest filled the pulpit.

It is believed to be one of the first times that a Catholic priest has delivered the sermon at a worship service in churches of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Everything I have been able to interpret concerning the reaction of the church has been positive," Roberts said. "Of course, I expect some negative response, especially from those who did not hear the sermon, but I'm not bothered about that."

"We've come to the point when we must face the fact that the Gospel is being preached by someone else besides Baptists," Roberts said.

Roberts hailed the event as another instance of improved relationships between Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics.

"You can talk about progress in our relationships all you want, but until we actually do something, we may not be making much headway," Roberts said.

Cunningham preached on the theme of justification by faith in Jesus Christ, said Roberts who had listened to the tape recording of the message. He told the congregation how justification by faith sets Christianity apart from other world religions, tracing Christian history on this theme since the time of Christ, Roberts added.

About 1,600 attended the worship service, with an additional 400 watching via closed-circuit television in another auditorium downstairs. The worship service was televised as usual by station WCTV in Tallahassee.

Cunningham said in his sermon that he had listened to Roberts' sermons for four or five years, and that Roberts had never said anything from the pulpit that he (Cunningham) did not believe wholeheartedly.

Referring to the growth of the early church, Criswell said that "evangelism was done on the outside, in the market place, up and down the streets and from house to house."

"For almost 300 years the Christian churches had no buildings in which to work," he recalled. Criswell said the church must go where the people are and expose to public view the message of redemption.

In the church's weekly news bulletin, Roberts wrote in announcing plans for Cunningham to speak that on several occasions at service clubs, Cunningham had made the statement that "doctrinally he is probably closer to Southern Baptists than to anyone else."

Roberts said that Cunningham, in his opinion, was the best preacher in the area, and that his sermons especially appealed to students. A big percentage of the church's membership includes college students, he added.

Conniff Recovers Nicely Following Recent Surgery

Dennis Conniff, Jr., associate in the Sunday School Department, 24 in home recuperating nicely following surgery recently in West End Baptist Hospital in Birmingham.

He will be at home for several days before returning to work. His address is 224 Woodlawn Road, Jackson, Miss.

## Chairman Interprets The Report Of "Committee Of 24"

By S. R. Woodson, Pastor,  
First Church, Columbus

The Church-State Study Committee Report to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, November 15-17, 1966, was printed in the Baptist Record Thursday, September 22. This was in keeping with the instructions given by the Convention last year.

It has been my privilege and responsibility to serve as chairman of this Study Committee. I can say, without a doubt, this has been one of the finest committees on which I have ever served.

The members have given themselves to their task with devotion. We have had seven full committee meetings, several with every member in attendance. These committees represent all areas and walks of Mississippi Baptist life and various views on the Church-State question. Medical men, executives, professional men, business men, office holders, educators and ministers all alike have cleared their calendars to give time to do a "depth study" on this important question.

The Committee was first divided into four sections with study assignments as follows:

1. Committee on Definition of Terms related to the government assistance to and involvement with the churches and church related institutions.

2. Committee to Explore Government Programs that are presently in force affecting religious institutions, i.e. schools, hospitals, orphanages, assemblies, churches, and conventions, etc.

3. Committee to Define Purposes and to List the Functions of Mississippi Baptist Institutions as related to our churches, i.e. the colleges, the Baptist Hospital, the Children's Village, the Assembly, the Convention, etc.

4. Committee to Study Areas where churches and church related institutions are now or have been involved in government assistance (federal, state, county, and local).

These sub-committees worked faithfully and brought reports to the Committee. When these reports were in, it was then the report started taking shape. Each sentence was weighed carefully and

voted on by the entire committee. The report, as released, represents the work of the entire twenty-four man committee.

The committee had not worked long until we realized the complexity of our task. There was a sincere desire on the part of every man to produce a report that would preserve the traditional stand of Mississippi Baptist on the question of Separation of the Church and the State and at the same time not deny anyone benefits that were due him as an individual. As I review the report, I make the following observations:

1. The report recommends that Mississippi Baptists reaffirm their "endorsement of the historic principle of the separation of the churches from any level of government..." See Recommendation Number 1.

2. The report condemns the acceptance of Government Grants by any school, institution or agency, whether such grants be direct or indirect. See Recommendation Number 11. We recommend that "Baptist institutions not accept government grants." The recommendation goes further and spells out the areas where grants are not to be accepted "for the construction of buildings or acquisition of property." These are areas where grants are presently offered. It is obvious that this recommendation also excludes the acceptance of a grant to pay part or all of the interest on a government (guaranteed) loan. See Recommendation Number 8.

3. The report sees no violation of the principle of separation of the church and the state when benefits are accepted by individuals, whether they be students, faculty, patients, etc. Notable among these provisions are the "G.I. Benefits", Scholarships, etc. See Recommendations Number 4 and 5.

4. The report sees no violation of the principle of the separation of the Church and the State in accepting certain benefits which are for the common good of all and which do not impose restrictions. See Recommendations Numbers 2, 3, and 6.

5. The report sees no violation of the principle of the separation of the Church and the State when services are sold for a fair return. See

Recommendation Number 7.

6. The report sees no violation of the principle of the separation of the Church and the State when "Loans from the Federal government for the construction of facilities" are accepted. See Recommendation Number 8. Of course, Recommendation Number 11 which states that "Baptist institutions not accept government grants" will apply here. This would eliminate the acceptance of loans where government grants are involved for the payment of interest.

7. As a further precaution against any violation of the principle of the separation of the Church and the State the following provision is added to each Recommendation:

Provided "in the judgment of the Trustees of an institution the conditions, requirements, and controls imposed by the state (government) do not violate the principle of separation of Church and State, and do not pose a threat to religious liberty, and are not detrimental to the institution, and further provided no undue government control in academic, religious, and/or administrative areas of the institution is involved or is a prerequisite". This addition assures a careful study by the trustees of any and all proposals before any agency or institution can enter into any agreement with the government to make sure there is no violation of the principle of the Separation of the Church and the State.

I see in this report a document that will be a great service to Mississippi Baptists. It clearly reaffirms Mississippi Baptists' historic stand on the principle of separation of the Church and State and gives adequate guidelines in applying these principles to the life and work of Mississippi Baptists now and in the future. It is my hope that the Convention will accept the report.

During a twelve month period, the Baptist medical center in Nalerigu, Ghana, supported by Cooperative Program giving, registered an average of 231 persons a day on the basis of a six-day week.

During 1965, our six Southern Baptist Seminaries received over \$3,000,000 from Cooperative Program funds.

## CHURCH-STATE ISSUE

### Committee Should Be Continued

Dear Dr. Odle:

Re: The Church-State Issue — and "Progress Report" of 24 Member Study Committee

Apparently the Study Committee feels its work isn't complete yet, as one of the recommendations was that the Committee be continued for one more year. In view of this and in the interest of unity and harmony, I feel this report should be read as an "interim report", extend the Committee's time for further study one year and postpone any convention action on the entire report to 1967, when its complete report could be considered and formal action taken.

I feel the members of this committee should be thanked and commended for giving their time to the study of such a complex, important and controversial subject.

There were three members of this committee who did not endorse this report and requested that they be recorded as not endorsing it. There are no doubt some who would like to see their views, as may be available in a "minority report."

In paragraph 12, under the Committee's recommendations, Baptists were reminded that it was their responsibility to provide additional funds for their institutions. It further recommended that Baptists increase their giving through approved channels, to meet the needs for additional support. It didn't say how much.

What will be the consequences if Baptists fail to come through with adequate support? No doubt the Com-

mittee will, if it is continued for another year, point up the choices that face them, and their institutions.  
Randle L. Brown  
Jackson, Miss.  
(First Baptist-Clinton)

### Supports Committee Report

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have received several letters across my desk concerning the report of the Committee of Twenty-Four. I have read each of these letters with interest and not a little amazement.

I fully realize that the issue that is facing us is a most serious one. The very future of our institutions and their ministry depends on an objective, unemotional approach to the problem of their financing especially as regards the acceptance or rejection of government aid. It is my understanding that it was for this purpose that the Committee of Twenty-Four was formed. This committee, I have been informed by some of its members, made a careful, prayerful, and sometimes painful search of all of the facts. I have also been informed that this report was not fully agreed on by all of its parts by all of the committee. What they did adopt was, in my opinion, a moderate, sensible report that will permit our institutions to operate efficiently and still stay within the framework of the historic Baptist principle of the separation of church and state.

I think that every Pastor and layman in this state that will take a minute to think will realize that there is no way possible for any religious institution to be completely free from government aid in one form or the other. I would go one step further and say that I do not know many who want to be. The shouts of "Freedom" are cries that only serve to emotionally cloud an issue that needs concise and not muddy thinking. I think that each person in our state ought to remember also that, according to the accrediting agencies, which is not the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the only way that our institutions can possibly keep their accreditation is for our Convention to refrain from dictating to the trustees of these institutions. I do not think that any of us would want to see our fine institutions damaged in this way. It is my understanding that the Convention has the power to replace any of these trustees if they are not doing their job. I believe that if all of us will read the report carefully and without prejudice, it will be found that in Section 8 of the recommendations section of the study that "if there is a violation of the principle of the separation of Church and State or if the loan agreement is detrimental to the institution, that the loan shall not be accepted." I am entirely sympathetic with the fact there are those who are opposed to this report. This is their privilege. I do not believe, however, that it is their privilege to attempt to cloud the essential problem before our Convention with emotional trickery. There may be a reasonable alternative to this report. As yet I have not seen one that will work or that our churches will support. Until such a time that this alternative is given, I will continue to support this report. I hope that each Baptist in our state will read the report carefully and pray about it as they do.

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There may be a reasonable alternative to this report. As yet I have not seen one that will work or that our churches will support. Until such a time that this alternative is given, I will continue to support this report. I hope that each Baptist in our state will read the report carefully and pray about it as they do.



## Aid To Nativity Scene Is Opposed

PITTSBURGH (RNS)—Opposition to a Nativity scene in a city-sponsored Christmas display has been voiced in the City Council. The display is planned for Mellon Square in the downtown section.

Councilman J. Craig Kuhn said that government funds should not be used to support the use of religious symbols. Two other Councilmen, Walter Kamyk and Patrick T. Fagan, said that they would vote against a \$4,500 appropriation unless figures of Jesus, Mary and Joseph were included.

Mr. Kuhn, who said he has a Nativity scene in his home at Christmastime, argued:

"There are sound and respectable reasons for forbidding them in publicly supported displays. It's all right for private organizations to have Nativity scenes but I don't think governmental agencies should require citizens of differing religions to support such religious symbols."

Mr. Fagan observed that American Civil Liberties Union was opposed to Nativity scenes in public institutions. "They've even suggested that no Christmas carols be sung in public schools," he said.

Mr. Kamyk said he had no doubt that the overwhelming majority of city residents favor a Nativity scene in the city's display.

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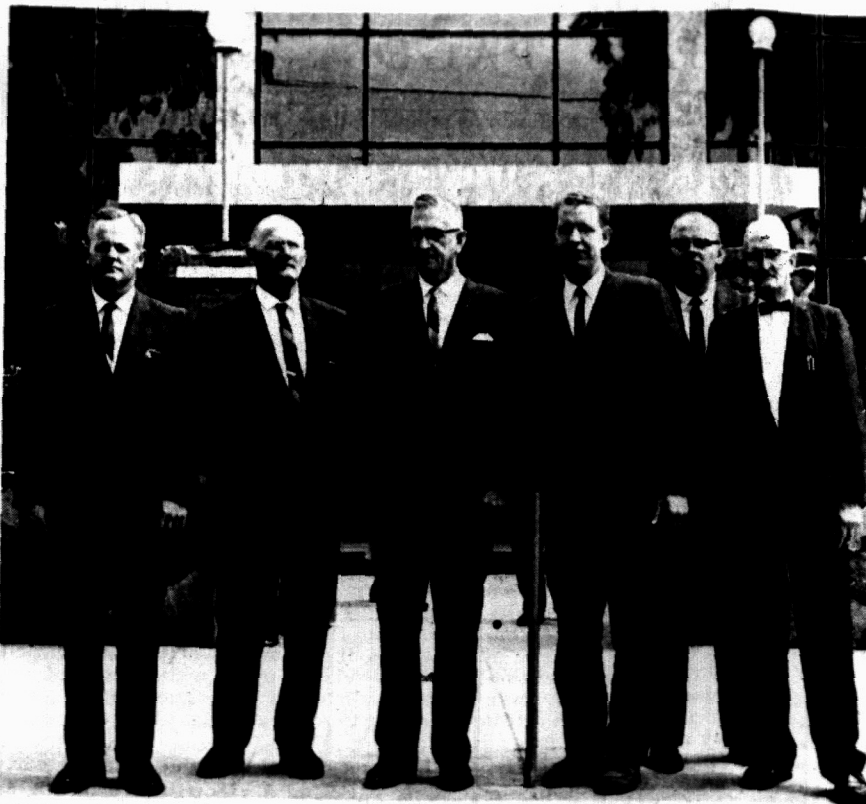
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MEETING MISSIONS FACE TO FACE—Five Missisippians stand with Missionary William Gray outside the Southern Baptist mission hospital in Guadalajara, Mexico. The men were part of a 32-man group from 12 states who recently completed a 10-day tour of Baptist mission points in Mexico, under the sponsorship of the Brotherhood Commission and in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board. Left to right are Joe F. Sharp Jr., Silver Creek; J. G. Allen, Horn Lake; J. D. Pickett, Columbia; Ralph Jones, Byhalla; Mr. Gray, and W. T. Boggan, Aberdeen. Photo by Lawrence R. Snedden, Foreign Mission Board.

## Brotherhood Men Visit Mission Points In Mexico

"After tonight I'm definitely for the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering."

The speaker was S. J. Morgan of Sullivan, Georgia. He echoed the sentiments of 31 other Baptist men from 12 states, all enroute to the Hotel Regis in Mexico City from a meeting in the Baptist Student Center at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

The group, making a 10-day tour of Baptist mission points in Mexico under the auspices of the Brotherhood Commission and Foreign Mission Board, had witnessed some of the fruits of Southern Baptist mission money.

Mrs. Julian Bridges, missionary to Mexico, paraded the evidence before the men. First exhibit was Arturo Carrillo, a post-graduate student in nuclear physics, who gave his Christian testimony.

Only one of seven persons to survive his original class of seven hundred, Arturo said he was won to Christ by Baptist student workers. He told of opportunities to share his faith with scientists.

Pablo Castellanos, a law student, was second. Highlight of his testimony was

how Baptist student workers changed his attitude toward the Christian movement from hostility to support.

This was the theme of the testimonies as the men toured Saltillo, San Luis Potosi, Toluca, Morelia, Guadalajara, Leon, Durango, and Torreon.

In Saltillo, they marveled at the testimony of a former drug addict and criminal who told how faith in Christ brought changes in his life. He's now a preacher.

In Leon, the men were impressed by an account of how a church of 50 members distributed 45,000 Gospels of John in the community. Not long before, this same church sent 36 of its members to organize a new church.

In Guadalajara, they saw the many opportunities for Christian witness provided

### Brotherhood In

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Baptist Church.

Schroeder said the action to meet building needs includes a study of how to use existing facilities better, and a long range plan for developing more space for operations and parking.

Commissioners awarded plaques for six years of service were J. H. Richardson of Tucson, Arizona, Kenneth Robinson of Cumberland, Maryland, and John Viser, Lloyd O. Barker, and Aubrey L. Byrn, all of Memphis.

Schroeder received a scroll for 20 years of service with the Brotherhood Commission, 15 as the leading executive officer.

The commissioners agreed to meet in 1967 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina during the week of June 22-28.

### BWA Group

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tary of the Mennonite Central Committee; David P. Neufeld of Winnipeg, Man., executive secretary of the Conference of Mennonites in Canada; and Frank C. Peters of Kitchener, Ont., moderator of the Mennonite Brethren Church.

The delegation will meet with Russian Baptist leaders and visit congregations in Siberia and Central Asia, as well as in Moscow and Leningrad.

Dr. Nordenhaug noted that since 1963 there has been a close relationship between North American Mennonites and Baptists in Russia, with active cooperation in many areas.

### Supports

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cision earnestly. I believe that if they do, they too, will support the report.

In conclusion let me say my personal word of thanks to each member of the Committee for their efforts on the part of finding a solution to this very complex, vital and unimportant subject.

Robert E. Shubert  
West Texas Baptist Church  
Columbia, Miss.

## O. P. MOORE TO LEAD TOUR TO HOLY LAND

Dr. O. P. Moore, Bible teacher at Clarke College, for the past twelve years, is promoting a tour of the Holy Land, other Bible lands, and six major nations in Europe, for June 6-27. The countries to be visited are: Spain, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Israel, Greece, Italy, England, France and Germany.

The price of the tour for the first seven nations is only \$899 from New York. There is an extension covering the other four nations in Europe for the added price of only \$170, making the total price from New York \$1069. An excursion ticket from Jackson, Mississippi, can be had for \$103.35. These latter figures make a total of \$1172.35 which will cover all meals, with the exception of the noon meal on the extension, all first class hotels where twin beds will be provided if desired, all tips, and all service charges connected with the tour. In some airports a small tax of less than \$1.00 will be shared by the individual tourists.

Mrs. Moore, a teacher in the public schools of Newton, is assisting in the promotion of the tour will be one of the tour members.

One of the most enjoyable features of the tour will be the contacting of former Clarke students on various mission fields, especially in Jordan and Israel.

Dr. Moore, whose address is 102 Pinecrest, Newton, will send a brochure upon request. The tour can be financed over a period of two years, if so desired.

Christians respond. Missionary William Gray of Saltillo, who accompanied the tour, served as translator.

As they travelled, worshipped, and saw what Baptist dollars are doing, the men told of plans to interpret to persons in their community the value of missions in the Baptist movement. That was the purpose of the trip.

Tour members from Mississippi were: J. G. Allen, Horn Lake; Ralph Jones, Byhalla; J. D. Pickett, Columbia; Joe F. Sharp Jr., Silver Creek; W. T. Boggan, Aberdeen.

## PASTOR NAMED TO SPORTS HALL OF FAME IN TEXAS

DALLAS (EP)—Robert Jackson Robinson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., has been elected by the Texas Sports Writers Association of Dallas to the Texas Hall of Fame.

Walter Robertson, chairman of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, in informing Robinson of his election, said, "Your many outstanding contributions to the very great heritage of sports in our state unquestionably qualify you to join the select and renowned ranks of our association's Texas Sports Hall of Fame."

The honor will be bestowed upon Robinson in Dallas on Dec. 30 in connection with the annual Cotton Bowl festivities. The other living member to be inducted into the Texas Hall of Fame is Lloyd Mangum, former National Open Golf champion.

Robinson is minister of First Baptist Church of Augusta, a church of some 3,600 members, where the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

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### Convention Time

The date for the meeting of the annual Mississippi Baptist Convention is at hand. Baptists from all over the state will gather in Jackson, November 14-18, for what will be one of the most important conventions of this decade.

The meeting will open with the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference on Monday afternoon and evening, with the convention sessions opening on Tuesday morning. The meeting will close with a giant youth rally at the state coliseum on Friday night. Attendance at the men's meeting should be about 2,000, while approximately 10,000 young people will be at the closing session, if the crowd approaches the numbers attending in past years.

In next week's issue of the Record the full program of the convention sessions will be printed, and analysis will be made of major issues facing the messengers. This week we simply are concerned that churches all over the state send their pastor and his wife to the meeting, encourage laymen to attend, and make plans to bring a large number of young people to the youth rally.

Every pastor in the state should attend the annual convention. Major policies and plans for the whole denominational program are made in these sessions, and the counsel and voice of every pastor is needed in the decisions. Churches should provide expenses for the pastor to attend, either through the budget or otherwise.

Large numbers of laymen should attend. Every messenger has a voice and a vote. Through the years many laymen have attended, and every other president of the convention is a layman. This is the year for the election of another president, and he will be a layman. Far more laymen are needed in the convention sessions. There are many men, of course, who cannot attend because of their work, but in almost every church in the state there must be one or more men who could attend. Let the churches urge upon

them the importance of their presence in the sessions. Let them come for the opening men's meeting and stay through to the end. Churches would do well to help provide these expenses also.

It is important that churches make it possible for their youth to attend the closing rally. This always is a meeting of great inspiration and challenge. Churches from all over the state, including some 250 miles away, send bus and carloads of their young people to the rally each year. The meeting presents a challenge to a young people, and the claims of Christ, and of our Baptist work, always are clearly presented. These sessions sometimes are a turning point in a young person's life. Every Baptist youth should have the opportunity to feel their impact.

Let churches all over Mississippi plan now to help build attendance at the coming convention sessions. Let them be represented by the pastor, by laymen and by young people. The whole convention program, and the church itself will be blessed by such attendance.

#### GUEST EDITORIAL

### The Social Gospel

O. L. Bayless in Rocky Mtn. Baptist (Colorado)

Mr. William M. Dyal Jr., of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission is quoted as saying to The Southern Baptist Social Service Association—"social concern and social welfare raise the hackles of a large percentage of Southern Baptists, still fighting a 'social gospel' long ago dead and buried."

We do not know Mr. Dyal's definition of 'social gospel,' the mention of which, he says, raise the hackles of a large percentage of Southern Baptists. The secretary of evangelism for the American Baptist Convention has said, "Contemporary evangelism is moving away from winning souls one by one, to the evangelism of the structures of society." Dr. D. T. Niles of the World Council of Churches says, "the heart of Christianity is not concern for the soul but concern for the world." We see these brethren emphasizing a 'social gospel' and it is these brethren with whom we are encouraged to walk in 'togetherness.'

When churches seek to place membership on the basis of subscription to political, social or economic views—neglecting the thing Jesus emphasized—the new birth, they are doomed. Jesus' highest priority was given to measures for changing the hearts of men and women, knowing full well that changed men

and women would in time change society. He made it crystal-clear that we are to seek 'first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.'

A Church of England theologian is quoted as saying after extensive observation of American churchmen's frenetic devotion to 'social action,'—"It would be tragically ironic if the church, grown skeptical about God's power to redeem society by transforming human nature, were to fall into the same ideological error as communism and attempt to transform man by altering his environment." We can easily understand his apprehension.

Mr. Dyal tells the 'Social Service Association' "A great deal of dialogue is going on now between divergent points of view. Many churches are caught up in a relevant search for renewal and contemporary ministry. Some of our denomination's agencies and boards are creatively exploring new frontiers." "For the first time in history the world's agenda for action calls for massive attacks on illiteracy, poverty, disease, and tyranny."

The Gospels are a record of how the church was brought into being. The Book of Acts is a history of the Church at work. The Epistles are, with few exceptions, addressed to the Churches of the Living God, and the Book of Revelation opens with a series of seven such letters to Churches and closes with a scene that translates "the Church" and turns it into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Turn to the Book of the Acts and have the early Christians come back for a report and you will be impressed with the things of which they speak. It is not upon playgrounds, though I hope at times they were playful men. It was not upon social settlements, attacks on illiteracy, poverty, etc., though I trust they walked in the midst of the people as gracious examples of how to live. It was not of hospitals and colleges, though their presence was healing and their speech educational. It was of the power of the Gospel in the lives of individuals and the growth of the Church of the Living God, the Divinely ordained institution.

As one looks back over the past, he realizes the folly of which men have been guilty in refusing to build after the pattern shown in the mount.

The philosophy of our day makes all truth relative. Standards, values, ethics, morals—these, we are told, are subject to change according to the customs of the times, so men having concluded they know more about how to win the world to righteousness than God did, adopt plans of their own.



Some answers to the question "Who Are The Poor?" These appeared in "The Armchair Skirmish Against Poverty," an article in The Freeman, April. If we accept the findings of the President's Council of Economic Advisers that \$3,000 is really the poverty line, then 33 to 35 million Americans live in poverty, one-third of them children. "Statistics indicate that among the poor are: 76 percent of families with no earners; 48 percent of families with part-time earners; 34 percent of families whose heads are unemployed; 47 percent of families whose heads are 65 or older; 31 percent of families whose heads are 24 or younger; 37 percent of families whose heads have under eight years of education; 48 percent of families whose heads are female; 44 percent of nonwhite families; 43 percent of farm families; 84 percent of nonwhite farm families. Categories such as these are not to be understood as causes of poverty, but rather as areas that incur a high risk of poverty for other reasons. . . . So the statistics unfold. These are, happily, some pleasant surprises. . . . In Tunica County, Mississippi, the poorest county in the poorest state, 52 percent have television, 46 percent have autos, and 73 percent have washing machines." To show how really poor some of these families are the Michigan Survey Research Center discovered that of all families reporting incomes from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in 1962, 45 percent owned their own homes, and 66 percent of these had no mortgage; 42 percent of the \$1,000 to \$2,000 bracket owned their homes, and 35 percent in the under \$1,000 bracket. In 1960, 14 percent of families with incomes under \$3,000 purchased new cars. 40 percent of these families owned cars. Of families with less than \$3,000 income in 1960, 700,000 purchased television sets during the year; 500,000 bought refrigerators; and 300,000 bought washing machines." How could we possibly support our economy without the purchases of these poor peoples?—Wesleyman Methodist

### PERSPECTIVE

#### "EVERY DAY A PAYDAY"

A contemplative man sat by a river bank. He observed that year after year the river ran into the ocean, yet the ocean was not filled. Next he lay on his back in the grass, gazing at the sky. He thought of the sun which came up each morning in the East, set each evening in the West.

Then he mused, "The river and the sun remind me of my own life. I go through the same routine, day after day. But so what? What do I accomplish? What is the meaning of it all?" Doubtless you have asked the same question—not once, but many times.

What conclusions did he reach? They are found in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes. Here is one of his findings, "There is nothing better for a man, than . . . that he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor" (Eccl. 2:24). Epicurus made a similar observation when he wrote, "The fool, with all his other faults, has this also: he is always getting ready to live."

Combine these two quotations into a single nutshell and here is what you get: "Look for satisfaction in the doing of a job, and not in its completion."

If payday is the happiest day of your week, change jobs! Every day should be payday. A rich and full life provides its own rewards. Life is too short to be little, and yours is a little life if you enjoy the victory more than the battle, the crown more than the sword, the reward more than the search. If Ecclesiastes 2:24 is meaningful to you, satisfaction will come in the midst of the burden in the heat of the day, not in the quiet dews of evening when you lay the burden down.

### 821 Professions In Colombia Campaign

Eight hundred twenty-one persons made professions of faith in Christ during a recent Baptist simultaneous evangelistic campaign in the Valley area of western Colombia. On September 4, the final day of the week-long campaign, the 13 churches and eight missions participating had 2,487 in Sunday School.

Baptist pastors and missionaries in Colombia were the coordinators. Dr. Ben E. Whitworth of Los Angeles, is evangelistic promoter for the area.

### A LINE THAT MEANS A LOT TO HIM



### Newest In Books

**THE HORIZON BOOK OF ANCIENT ROME** by the editors of Horizon Magazine, editor in charge, William Harlan Hale, and author, Robert Payne (American Heritage Publishing Co., 415 pp., \$18.95)

Compilers of this handsome book set out to distill the 1,200-year grandeur that was Rome into a single 416-page volume, liberally and luxuriously illustrated. They have succeeded very well. Two features of the book set it apart from other well-written histories on the subject. The illustrations probably represent the broadest collection ever assembled in a single book on Rome. There are 385, with 85 in color, and 13 special picture portfolios. The reader is afforded insight into the Roman mind through a sampling of Latin literature and history. Passages from the works of Vergil, Cicero, Caesar, Catullus, Ovid, Horace, Livy, Tacitus, and others were selected from good English translations. The book also includes a chronology of Roman history, a chart showing

the evolution of Latin lettering, a review of Roman legacy in law, many maps, and a bibliography.

**THE WIDER PLACE** by Eugenia Price (Zondervan, 250 pp., \$3.95)

Eugenia Price is a spotlight Christian writer. In this, her strongest non-fiction book yet, she writes of "the wider place where God offers freedom from anything that limits our growth." THE WIDER PLACE is Miss Price's 13th book; her works have sold over one million and have been translated into seven different languages. When she wrote BELOVED INADDER, a novel set on St. Simon's Island, Georgia, she liked the island so much that she has gone there to live.

**BURIED INTO GLORY** by Fike Berry (Christopher, 91 pp., \$2.95)

This is a unique book about a unique woman. The author writes of Mary, the unforgettable colored woman in his life. She was a cook, house-

keeper, nurse, confidante, tower of strength, and a general inspiration to the entire household. Like the devoted country doctor, the colored mammy of the South is fast vanishing from the American scene. Mr. Berry writes with nostalgia of this woman who earned the love and respect of all who knew her.

**SUNDAY WITH THE FAMILY CIRCUS** by Bill Keane (Judson Press, Paperback, \$1.00)

How does one of America's favorite cartoon families spend a Sunday? This little book has 51 choice drawings that tell the story from wake up time till after bedtime. They will bring many a warm chuckle to the reader.

**THE PROMISE** by Belle Lee Bell (Zondervan, 147 pp., \$2.95)

A novel of romance and college life, the book tells of a young man in rebellion against God who falls in love with his beauty queen, a radiant Christian.

### 'The Bible Story' Is Seventh Day Adventist

Dear Dr. Odle:

We in the Jackson County Baptist Association are disturbed about a publication of the Seventh Day Adventists. The publication is THE BIBLE STORY by Arthur Maxwell. Sample copies are placed in doctors' offices, barber and beauty shops, laundromats, and anywhere else people gather. When someone is interested enough to inquire about a set of these books, a representative calls on them and misrepresents the books altogether. He does not tell these people they are Seventh Day Adventist in doctrine and assures them that the books only tell the Bible story as told in the King James Version.

As you know, there are three principal errors in these books. The first is the doctrine of total destruction in hell. The second is the necessity of worship on Saturday. And the third is the need to observe the Ten Commandments as well as follow the dietary law.

The pastors of this association are requesting that you print an editorial simply telling the readers that these books are Seventh Day Adventist and do contain these doctrines. Many Baptists are buying these books without knowing these facts and are disappointed when they discover they have made a mistake. Some Baptist preachers and other Baptist workers are endorsing these books without knowing the facts concerning them. A letter was shown me by one of their salesmen written by a man at Mississippi College, endorsing these books.

Gus Merritt, Pastor  
Riverside Church  
Pascagoula, Miss.

**THOUGHTS ALONG THE ROAD** by Harleigh M. Rosengerger (Judson Press, 126 pp., \$3.50)

This book of present-day parables invites the reader to recognize God in the common ventures of his life. It is good for inspirational reading, and as a source of illustrations. The title comes from Luke 24:32, "Did not our hearts burn within us, while he talked to us on the road?"

**THE WANDERING HEART** by Nancy J. Bell (Zondervan, 96 pp., \$3.95)

This is a new novel about a young woman who knows days of doubt and depression, who battles and collapses, who goes through many of life's ups and

### Request For Christmas Gifts For Parchman

Dear Friends:

We deeply appreciate your concern for our inmates of the Mississippi State Penitentiary. Churches all over Mississippi have entered into the Christmas spirit, and shared in contributions to our inmates to make it possible for them to have Christmas where otherwise some of them would not have any Christmas.

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Please try to make your contribution by December the first, and not later than December the fifteenth, since it will be necessary for us to package the articles, and distribute to every inmate.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Mrs. C. E. Breazeale  
Miss. State Penitentiary  
Jackson, Miss.

### WALL WRITES FROM N. C.

Dear Dr. Odle:

I felt like you'd enjoy seeing this new building soon to be opened at First Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, November the 6th—(bulletin with drawing of building enclosed) and erected by one of our Mississippi College Men, Dr. John L. Slaughter, who is one of our best Southern Baptist preachers and a constructive builder who, by his TV programs—each Sunday—is reaching more people than anyone in this whole area. He is a princely preacher, and a wise master builder, and is held in high esteem by all of our people.

You are ably editing the Record, and we are proud of you.

Zeno Wall,  
Pastor Emeritus  
First Baptist Church  
Shelby, North Carolina

### Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

November 7—Lucille S. Aycock, Baptist Book Store; Eugene L. Roberts, superintendent of missions, Copiah-Lincoln Counties.

November 8—William N. Washburn, acting academic dean, Blue Mountain College; James L. Clark, Clarke College faculty.

November 9—Louie Farmer, Jr., Baptist student director, University of Southern Mississippi; James Q. Allen, Mississippi College faculty.

November 10—Mrs. Tennie Glee Jones, staff, Children's Village; Mrs. Winnie Dillmore, staff, Children's Village.

November 11—Judd R. Allen, Baptist Building; Miss Lynda Ashley, Baptist Building.

November 12—Mrs. Kathleen Arrington, faculty, William Carey College; Mrs. Doris Bryant, medical-surgical instructor, Gilroy School of Nursing.

November 13—Ervin Brown, DeSoto superintendent of missions; D. H. Guyton, business manager, Blue Mountain College.

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## A NEW CHURCH - A NEW HOPE IS BORN IN GREENE COUNTY

Another Baptist church has been brought into being in Mississippi. New Hope Church, Leakesville, was organized in a special service on October 16, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Philip D. Lott and assisted by Rev. Leon Emery, Cooperative Missions Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, Jackson.

The new church owns a one-half acre lot, donated by two of its members, and a mobile home, which is presently being used as a parsonage. Meetings are now being held in a small frame house, but plans are being made to erect a sanctuary soon.

The church has 36 charter members and a Sunday school enrollment of 54.

New Hope is the first Baptist church to be organized in Greene County in 42 years and is now possibly the youngest Baptist church in the state of Mississippi.



**FIRST GRADUATES** in clinical pastoral education sponsored by the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville are presented certificates by T. E. Carter of Atlanta, Ga., Institutional Secretary for the Chaplaincy Division of the SBC Home Mission Board. Directing the clinic was Chaplain Supervisor Clyde Johnston, left. Shown receiving the certificates are, from second left, Raymond Drews, Hylon Vickers, and Ronald Kemp, all Baptists. Avery Timmons (not shown), now chaplain of the Ellis Unit in Huntsville and a Baptist, also received a certificate. (Baptist Press Photo)

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## Students Will Convene

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themselves. Conference leaders will include:

Rev. David B. Richardson, missionary to deaf, Montgomery, Alabama; Rev. L. Parkes Marler, missionary to Korea; Arthur Driscoll, Student Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Rev. Granville H. Watson, pastor, Moorhead Baptist Church; Dr. William P. Davis, secretary, Department of Work with Negroes, Mississippi Baptist

Convention Board; Dr. Sarah A. Rouse, dean of women, Mississippi College, Clinton; Dr. Graham Hales, pastor of University Church, Hattiesburg.

Free lodging will be furnished in homes of Meridian Baptists for those desiring it. Those preferring public accommodations should write directly to hotels or motels.

For further information about reservations contact local Baptist Student Union or write directly to Department of Student Work, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi 39205.

The churches of the Lauderdale

County Association are cooperating in sponsoring the convention. Rev. Leon Young is superintendent of missions. Dr. Bob Simmons is pastor of the host church.

The convention will open Friday night and adjourn following an early Sunday morning service.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$11,123,505 from the Cooperative Program during 1965 — or 49.28 percent of all Cooperative Program funds received by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### ATTENDANCE EXCEEDS ENROLMENT

When Training Union attendance exceeds enrolment and also exceeds Sunday School attendance, it is worth recording. Pastor George E. Meadows of Dublin Baptist Church, Jeff Davis Association, reports that on a recent Sunday their attendance was 73 which was three more than Sunday School attendance that morning and nine more than their enrolment. Mrs. James Dickens is Director.

### PASTOR EXPLAINS TRAINING UNION GROWTH

Pastor Bill Dowdy of the Furrs Baptist Church, Pontotoc Association, led his church this year through Church Membership Study Week during which there were ninety enrolled which comes very close to equalling their Training Union enrolment.

To explain the great increase in Training Union enrolment this year (it has grown from 49 to 93) he states that a new Young Adult Department has been added; the entire church, and not just the Training Union, was working toward attaining recognition as an Honor Church; enrolment and attendance goals were set; through a visitation program the church is working toward achieving these goals; and the church takes pride in participating in associational activities.

### MORE YOUTH WEEK REPORTS

- 335. McLAURIN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH, Rankin Association. Reported by J. C. Beeson, pastor.
- 336. MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH, Choctaw Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 337. CORINTH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Alabama Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 338. MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH, New Choctaw Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 339. MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH, New Choctaw Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 340. EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, Grenada Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 341. CARTRIDGE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Leake Association. Officers: Burton Barnes, Ernie Derrill.
- 342. WALTHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, Zion Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 343. FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, Zion Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 344. EUPORA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Zion Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 345. TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH, Neshoba Association. Reported by Gerald Buckley.
- 346. SARDIS BAPTIST CHURCH, Panola Association. Reported by Charles Conley, pastor.
- 347. BUNKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Marion Association. Officers: Charles Ray Stuckey, Jennie Loftis, Rudy Robbins, Tommy Robbins, Jimmy McPhail.

### Jacksonian Sets World Record?

## BEGINS 78TH YEAR AS SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

If trophies were given for world championship in Length of Years as a Teacher, then "Lena Dear" would win one.

It is doubtful if anyone in Mississippi, or the United States, or the world, has ever surpassed her in number of successive years as Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. T. E. Stephenson, teacher of the Dorcas Class at First Baptist Church, Jackson, is teaching now for her 78th straight year. Women in her class call her "Lena Dear."

If she could offer advice to other Sunday school teachers, she would say, "First, ask the Lord to teach YOU."

She has travelled to 42 Southern Baptist Conventions in her 94 years, in consecutive order, without missing a year, but has not gone to one for the last two or three years.



"LENA DEAR" STEPHENSON makes a point, teaching her class on a Sunday morning.

Her Sunday school class honored her with a tea at the time of her birthday in September, and her pastor, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, in a worship service, recognized and paid tribute to her and her long years of service as a teacher.

In her 83rd summer she took her first airplane ride. She flew to Shreveport where she taught a class that is named for her.

Before Sunday school classes were broken down into smaller enrollments, she taught perhaps the largest class of women in the Southern Baptist Convention, the Homemakers' Class of First Baptist Church, Jackson, with 200 enrolled. After a time, the name of that class was changed from Homemakers' Class to the Lena Stephenson Class.

She was born September 22, 1872, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hargrove, in Minden, Louisiana, where her father was Sunday school superintendent. She began regular Sunday school attendance at the age of two, and has scarcely missed a Sunday since.

About 1893 her family moved to Shreveport. There her father served as deacon at First Baptist Church. In that church Lena accepted Christ and was baptized. She remembers walking down the aisle at age 14 one Wednesday night at prayer meeting.

Then at 17 she began to teach her first Sunday school class. First, Shreveport had a little Sunday afternoon mission on the west side of the city (now Parkview Church). She played the pump organ for the mission, and taught her first Sunday school class, seven boys and girls, 11 and 12 years old.

She was a member of the first young people's organization in Louisiana, called "The Pearl Gatherers."

In 1890, at age 18, she married T. E. Stephenson, Virginia native who had come from Mississippi to work in Shreveport. The young couple moved to Marshall, Texas, and Lena started teaching a Sunday school class right away. She recalls, "In Marshall I learned a lesson I have not forgotten. My husband was in the furniture business, and when any dramatic group in town wanted to put on a show, they would borrow furniture from his store to use for props, and then give him complimentary tickets to the play."

"One night he had tickets to a local production of 'Faust,' and we thought we might go." But on the night of the play, they both had a feeling that they just shouldn't go, and didn't.

The next Sunday a young man was sitting on the steps of the church waiting for Lena. He said, "I was looking to see if you went to that show, and every Baptist in town was there except you and me."



THE DORCAS CLASS of First Church, Jackson, Mrs. T. E. Stephenson, teacher, is shown above, on a recent Sunday. Mrs. D. B. Sharron is president of the class.

your husband, I believe in you, and I'm going to start coming to your Sunday school class." And he did.

"Lena Dear" says, "That taught me a lesson: If you are going to try to influence people for Christ, you have to measure up to THEIR standards, not necessarily your own."

In 1897 she and her husband moved back to Shreveport, and to First Baptist, where she taught a young married women's Sunday school class. Some years later that class was named the Lena Stephenson Class, and is still called that.

The couple had two children, a son and a daughter. Talbot died at an early age, and Genevieve Stephenson Steel died in 1923, in her early thirties. She left two sons, ages seven and five, whom the Stephensons helped to raise. R. H. (Bob) Steele is owner and operator of Jackson Mat Company, and Talbot is contractor advisor for the GM&O Railroad, with headquarters in Mobile. Now "Lena Dear" has eight great-grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

From Shreveport she and her husband moved to Monroe, where she taught a college girls' Sunday school class. Then thirty-six years ago, June 1, 1930, they attended First Baptist Church, Jackson, for the first time. Mr. Stephenson was to work in a lumber business in Jackson, and they bought their home on 511 Marshall Street, near the Millsaps campus. The folks at First Baptist didn't even let her rest from teaching until the beginning of a new church year! A teacher who was to be away on a vacation trip all summer asked her to substitute until fall, and she of course did.

Since she had been state WMU president in Louisiana for nine years, she knew Miss Margaret Lackey and Miss Nettie Ree Traylor in the Mississippi WMU Department, and thought she might go to Calvary, since they did. However, she and her husband decided on First Church, and there they put her to work immediately. Only four years later, in 1934, her husband died.

The first Mrs. R. B. Gunter (wife of former executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board) had been teacher of the Homemakers' Class, but was forced to stop teaching because of illness. Mrs. Stephenson began to teach that class in September of 1939. The enrollment grew to 200, with an average attendance of 88.

During one two-year period since that time she was substitute teacher, but taught regularly, nearly all the time, in two or three different departments.

The Dorcas class she now teaches has 67 on roll, and the average attendance last year

was 36.

"Lena Dear" is not egotistic about her Sunday school teaching. She declares, "I am trying to teach the greatest book in the world, God's Word. He inspired it." She has copies of many different translations, but especially likes Weymouth's, as the English is clear and readable. She uses King James most because of its familiarity.

Her favorite commentary heretofore has been Rosell's Complete Lessons. It is easy to understand, she says, and gives good ways of presenting the lesson. Now, however, she is using the Life and Work Curriculum Commentary. She reads the quarterly, of course, but hastens to say, "I teach from the Bible, not the quarterly, and I try to apply the Bible to the personal lives of the women in my class. I do not pretend to UNDERSTAND all the Bible, but I ACCEPT all of it. It is an inexhaustible book. There are always more new lessons in it."

She has taught every book in the Bible but one, and has read the Bible straight through many times, but prefers to study it by books as she prepares her weekly lessons. For 15 years she was teacher of the Virginia Ascher Bible Class at the YWCA.

Each Sunday afternoon she reads the next Sunday's lesson. During the week she searches for illustrations that will help her apply the lessons to her pupils' lives. Then Saturday afternoon is her "sacred time," her "do not disturb" time. She says that is when she really studies most. Finally, she jots down the main thought of the lesson, and the outline of points she wants to make.

On a recent Sunday morning she arrived at church wearing a spruce pink, white, and green figured hat, and a pink corsage. Pearls on a black dress set off her white hair to perfection. Though she is short, five feet or less, she stood straight and regal behind the microphone, and spoke in an expressive voice, with conviction. She used a magnifying glass to help with the fine print. For the last year or so she has worn hearing aids in both ears, but with these her hearing is quite good. She is in excellent health, and has the mental alertness of one many years younger.

Through the week, she has a regular routine. Monday afternoons she goes to WMU, where she is prayer chairman for her circle. Wednesdays she visits nursing homes, and the sick and shut-ins in their own homes, and then goes to prayer meeting and officers' and teachers' meeting at the church. Thursday afternoons she visits the Baptist Hospital, and then, without fail, stops at the library for her groceries. The telephone is her hobby, she says, and it is

a vital link with friends and pupils. Every month she makes hundreds of calls to "her girls." She gives them inspiration, encouragement, guidance, in class and out, and comforts those in distress, sorrow, or trouble.

Every morning she is busy cooking—she eats lunch at 11. And usually she is home to rest, or receive callers, from 1 to 2 o'clock. She doesn't drive a car any more.

She still lives on Marshall Street. As I sat and talked with her, I leaned back in an easy chair, and she sat opposite in a small rocker beside a bookshelf. I glanced upward toward the tall, old secretary-desk against one wall, and noticed a painting of fruit and a loaf of bread, done in warm orange and brown tones. "That was painted by my great-granddaughter, Linda Steel McDowell," she explained. "She is married now and her husband teaches at the University of Wisconsin."

The only credit "Lena Dear" takes for her years of service is that she always desired to know God's Word, and to help other women to know God's Word. She is grateful that God has given her good health and good friends.

"The thing I have marveled at most in my long life is this: God's patience and long-suffering grace in dealing with human beings! His patience with people who just go on their way indifferent to Him, and making stupid blunders in their dealings with each other."

When something strikes her as funny, her blue eyes sparkle behind gold-rimmed glasses. When she made a remark she didn't want to be quoted on, she clapped both hands over her mouth. "Don't you say I said that!" and laughed with glee.

"Lena Dear" has always liked to travel and to go to conventions of all kinds, state, or nation-wide. Mrs. Wilbur Buckley, member of the Dorcas Class for a good many years, and former president of the class, has gone to many conventions and Bible conferences with her. Mrs. Buckley laughed and said that once they went to Winona Lake together, and Mrs. Buckley thought she was going to combine some vacation time with the conference. "But every morning 'Lena Dear' got me up at 6:30 for breakfast, so that we wouldn't miss a single conference!"

Of the chapters of the Bible, the first and second chapters of 1 Peter are her favorites. She says, "I can imagine Paul writing his letters. He was an educated man. But think of the great, rough fisherman, Peter, writing those lovely books! They had to be inspired of God! He was no scholar. Yet here there is such depth! These two chapters give the full plan of salvation, and are filled with wonderful promises."

Her philosophy of life is based on a Bible verse, too, from Isaiah 38:3, "Thou dost keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee."

Southern Baptist churches exceeded their \$19.4 million Cooperative Program budget for 1965 by more than \$1.7 million, making 1965 a record year of Baptist mission giving.

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## KELLY ON OLE MISS PROGRAM

Dr. Earl Kelly, pastor of First Baptist Church, Holly Springs and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, was a member of a panel which provided the First Religious Program for 1966-67 at the University of Mississippi on October 31.

Other members of the panel were Bishop Pendergrass of the Methodist Church, Bishop Brunini of the Roman Catholic Church and Bishop John Allin of the Episcopal Church.

## Pleasant Grove Calls Minister Of Music-Youth

Jerry Jay of Laurel has accepted the position of director of music and youth at Pleasant Grove Church of Wayne Association. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton L. Jay of the Glade community near Laurel and was a member of the Glade Church where he had assisted with the music program.

Mr. Jay is a student at Jones Junior College.

Rev. M. F. Wicker is pastor at Pleasant Grove.

## Church Growth Seminar Set

NASHVILLE — The Church Program Training Center at the Sunday School Board is presenting the first Church Growth Seminar Nov. 14-18 in Nashville.

Designed for a detailed study of church growth, this seminar will be primarily for associational superintendents of missions, state convention personnel who are interested in promoting church growth, church staff members and associational ministers of education.

The seminar will be under the direction of the Board's Sunday school department. All persons interested in participating in the Church Growth Seminar should write: Registrar, Church Program Training Center, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, N., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

## Music

## 1967 Music Festival Dates and Locations

Thursday, February 16

First Church, Starkville  
First Church, Grenada

First Church, Natchez  
First Church, Ocean Springs

Friday, February 17

Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale  
Calvary Church, Tupelo  
First Church, Vicksburg

First Church, Kosciusko  
First Church, McComb  
First Church, Poplarville

Saturday, February 18

Alta Woods Church, Jackson  
Woodland Hills Church, Jackson  
First Church, Laurel

First Church, Leland  
Highland Church, Meridian  
First Church, Holly Springs

February 16 and 17—6:30 p.m. Registration  
6:45 p.m. Festival Starts

February 18 —9:15 a.m. Registration  
9:30 a.m. Festival Starts

## Foreign Mission Week Of Prayer

December 4-11

Theme: "Behold The Lamb of God" John 1:29  
Convention Goal: \$14,500,000

Supplementary material for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has been mailed to all local WMU Presidents. The package contains the following materials for the WMS and youth organizations:

WMS Presidents—One large and one small poster with theme for the program

1 plastic record: Side one—Solo: "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Side two—"A Challenge to Dedication and Action" by Dr. Cauten, Executive Secretary, FMB

1 sample leaflet "Behold the Lamb of God" (green and yellow) to be used in family devotions

Offering envelopes as requested

YWA Counselors—One small poster

6 Prayer Folders in lavender and white with the same theme as WMS This has a different message and a different purpose. It's to be used in personal devotions during the Week of Prayer.

GA Counselors

Sunbeam Directors—5 copies of "Parents Teach About the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" for each GA and Sunbeam Organization. This pamphlet is a guide to help parents teach children the purpose and meaning of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to help teach them the right motive for giving.

Additional material will be available upon request from the WMU Office, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

During this week you will have the privilege of joining Southern Baptists over the convention and in 62 countries to pray for a troubled world. But, let us remind ourselves that a part of the troubled world may live next door. There may be people in our community who worship other gods because they have not had a personal encounter with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They may be worshipping the god of pleasure, the god of self or the god of family.

Before we set our personal offering goal, let us check our motive for giving. 2 Corinthians 8 gives us an account of the spirit in which the Christians in Macedonia gave. Let us give special attention to the 5th verse "And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." When hearts are committed to God personal possessions are committed to him.

## UTAH BAPTISTS SEEK 400 BAPTIST HOME FELLOWSHIPS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (BP)—In an effort to penetrate the predominantly Mormon towns and villages which have no Baptist churches, the Executive Board of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention here set a goal of establishing 400 home fellowships in the two states. The home fellowships would provide Bible-study emphases in the homes of Baptist people living in the communities.

Charles H. Ashcraft, executive secretary-treasurer of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention said that the "early church did such a thing, and it worked."

## Royal Ambassador Week

November 6-12, 1966



The following is a suggested agenda for the week which may be used in focusing attention on Royal Ambassador boys:

### SUNDAY

Serve as an usher  
Receive the offering  
Recognize chapters  
Recognize Royal Ambassador Leadership  
Present playlet "The Value of a Boy—What Is He Worth?"

### MONDAY

Father-Mother-Son Fellowship  
Wiener roast  
Covered dish supper  
Presentation on Christian character by one: Christian athlete  
Christian businessman  
Missionary

### TUESDAY

Meet by chapters for regular weekly program

### WEDNESDAY

Mid-week Prayer Service  
Boys may present a program built around a world mission theme.

### THURSDAY

Engage Mission Actions  
Present devotional  
Rest home  
Jail

### FRIDAY

Father and Son sport event  
Provide overnight camping trip  
Conclude the week's emphasis by staging a drive to enlist additional boys in the missionary educational program for boys, 9-17 years of age.

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**MRS. DOROTHY AINSWORTH**, member of New  
Sardis Church, Smith County,  
received a pin on October 2  
for five years perfect attend-  
ance at Sunday school. She is  
a member of the Beldora  
Sunday school class and is  
Sunday school secretary.

## Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance  
Training Union Attendance  
Additions To The Church

OCTOBER 30, 1966	
Aberdeen, First	355 137 7
Biloxi, Emmanuel	320 138 7
Biloxi, First	681 297 14
Brandon, First	412 171 5
Brookhaven, First	744 230 1
Byram, First	101 53
Cleveland	138 92 2
Columbus	
First	772 233 10
Crystal Springs 1st	528 176
Doddsville	105 51
Forest	400 144
Harmony (Pearl River)	79 51
Hattiesburg	
Main St.	800 250 3
Main	864 340
Mission	16 10
28th Avenue	307 202 15
Jackson	
Alta Woods	1137 412 3
Briarwood Drive	328 176 2
Broadmoor	1567 562 9
Colonial Heights	331 140 6
Crestwood	290 144 2
Daniel Memorial	418 192 4
First	1377 333 3
Forest Hill	199 74
Hillcrest	530 236
Highland	385 184
McLaurin Hgts.	347 189
Lakeview Man.	15
Mission	388 150
Morrison Heights	462 189 10
Park Hill	365 168 2
Parkway	1055 382 2
Ridgeway	792 382 3
Southside	339 189 7
Van Winkle	564 278
West Jackson	418 171
Woodville Hgts.	229 90 2
Kosciusko	
First	513 180
Main	485 188
Chapel	18 21
Laurel	
Highland	515 198 2
Sharon, First	142 61
Trinity	136 81
Leakeville, First	167 75
Meadville, First	192 107
Meridian	
Collinsville	120 77 2
Rowan Avenue	484 224 2
Fulton Ave. Man.	34 32
New Hope	126 72
Poplar Springs Dr.	494 148
State Boulevard	417 146 5
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	228 142
Pascagoula, First	723 247
Main	687
G. C. Nurmi Home	12
Martin Bluff	34
Pearl	382
Star	188 114 3
Starkville, First	1059 433 3
Springfield, (Scott)	105 64
Sunshine (Rankin)	200 102
Union, First	318 82
Vicksburg	
Rowan Avenue	477 218 10
Immanuel	207 88 11
Trinity	164 80

October 23, 1966	
Brandon	62 22
Bethel	366 149
Columbus	
Fairview	422 234 4
Hattiesburg	
Central	307 194 2
First	653 246 4
Main	897 416
N. Main	25 16
Sunrise	134 81 2
28th Avenue	291 195 1
Laurel	
Plainway	194 124 7
First Sharon	143 65
First Laurel	472 171
Second Ave.	361 145
Mission	76 54
Mayerdale	48 29
Meadville, First	192 87 2
Petal-Harvey	353 122
Main	323 101
Memorial Dr.	30 21
West Heights, Pontotoc	277 90
Woodville	235 85

**Educator Says  
Minority Should  
Not Block  
Majority**

**HARTFORD, Conn. (RNS)**—If the majority of students in a public school want school prayers, a dissenting minority should not block them, a Hartford educator told a United Church of Christ meeting here.

**Dr. Kenneth L. Meinke**, dean of the University of Hartford and a former superintendent of Hartford Public Schools, told the UCC New England Regional Meeting:

"If our public schools are to continue to thrive, the rights of the minority must not be allowed to obliterate the rights of the majority."

If "the majority of students may wish to start their day with prayer," he asked, "should a minority be allowed to impose their will on the majority?"

The U. S. Supreme Court has ruled that all forms of devotional exercise in public schools are unconstitutional.

A recent \$22,500,000 was contributed to Baptist mis-  
sionary work through the Co-  
operative Program budget.  
There were 2,500 percent above  
normal figures.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON—

### Words Without Worship

Jeremiah 7: 26

By Clifton J. Allen

We study in this lesson one of the great sermons of the Old Testament. It was deliv-



ered by Jeremiah, prob-  
ably, early in the reign of Je-  
hoi-ah-kim. Jeremi-  
ah poured out his heart in  
declaring a message from  
God—a message of rebuke, of earnest en-  
treaty to repentance, of stern  
warning, and of immediate  
and urgent relevance as to  
the moral demands of pure  
religion. Religion for the peo-  
ple had become completely in-  
stitutional; it lacked the dy-  
namic of faith in and love for  
God and obedience to his  
commandments.

**The Lesson Explained  
TEMPLE RELIGION**  
(vv. 1-4)

Jeremiah delivered his ser-  
mon under a divine directive.  
He had come to see the ut-  
ter inadequacy of the religious  
reforms inaugurated by Jo-  
siah, following the discovery  
of the book of the Law in the  
Temple. The roots of repen-  
tance had not gone deep  
enough. And, following the  
death of Josiah, the nation  
had more quickly turned back  
to idolatry and immorality.  
The people had come to put  
their hope for security in the  
Temple. When Jeremiah  
warned of impending destruc-  
tion, the people chanted, "The  
temple of the Lord." These  
were lying words indeed;  
words that had no meaning  
because they had no sincerity.  
The chant about the Tem-  
ple showed that externals  
were substituted for the inner  
realities of true devotion to  
God.

**GOD'S IF (vv. 5-11)**

Jeremiah's declaration of  
divine judgment was never  
separated from God's prom-  
ise of mercy if his people  
would return to him in whole-  
hearted repentance. Jeremiah  
went on to explain what  
would be involved. There  
must be justice between a  
man and his neighbor, no op-  
pression of the stranger or the  
orphan or the widow, and no

murder or idolatry. The depth  
of wickedness is indicated in  
verse 9—stealing, murder,  
adultery, false swearing, Baal  
worship, and other idolatries.

**CERTAIN DESTRUCTION**  
(vv. 12-15)

Jeremiah tried to impress  
on the people the terrible al-  
ternative to genuine and thor-  
ough repentance: it would be  
certain destruction. God had  
exhausted every means to in-  
spire faithfulness. Therefore,  
destruction was inevitable.  
The awful calamity to come  
upon Jerusalem is described  
in verses 29-34.

**Truths to Live By**

The forms of religion can-  
not satisfy the Lord.—This is  
not to deny the importance of  
the forms of religion. They  
have a highly significant  
place in the Christian faith.  
The life and work of the  
church call for forms of or-  
ganization and methods of  
procedure. Worship is made  
more meaningful by order  
and form and symbol and set-  
ting. And the Christian life is  
strengthened by regulations  
and habits. But none of these  
forms can satisfy the Lord—  
by themselves. Something  
more is imperative. God  
requires sincerity of heart,  
genuineness in faith, and love  
in terms of obedience. God  
requires hunger for righteous-  
ness, the genuine sorrow of  
repentance, and desire for  
holiness. God requires a for-  
giving spirit and humbleness  
of heart. With these things  
God is pleased, and by them  
forms are sanctified to ex-  
press faith and encourage  
good works.

Acceptable worship must  
spring from godly hearts.—  
The Hebrew prophets de-  
clared again and again the  
moral demands of acceptable  
worship. Hands made unclean  
by violence could never be  
lifted up in acceptable prayer.  
Hearts full of pride could never  
offer the fruits of repent-  
ance. Lips given over to ly-  
ing and profanity could never  
declare true thanksgiving and  
praise. Lives made corrupt by  
greed and lust could never  
reflect the holiness of God.  
The truth taught by Isaiah  
and Jeremiah—and other  
prophets as well, should be  
taken seriously by Christians.



**THE NEW SANCTUARY** of Bethel Church, Route 1, Holcomb,  
will be dedicated Sunday, November 6. Rev. A. C. Hurst,  
Eight Mile, Alabama, will be guest speaker. Lunch will be  
served at the church. Rev. William B. McDaniel, pastor, states  
that "everyone is invited, especially former pastors." Frank  
E. Rice, Jackson, was architect.



**CLARKE MEN SONGSTERS BY THE DOZEN**—Left to right,  
front row: Selmer Valentine, Robert Seale, Kendall Winstead;  
Kenneth Walker, Charles Few, Richard Sullivan, Professor J.  
B. McElroy, director; back row: Philip Chisolm, Lynn Wilder,  
Charles Gibson, Mike Smith, Reggie Moss, Huey Harpe. This  
special group has been chosen to represent Clarke College on  
many occasions through the present session.

THE BAPTIST RECORD 7  
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## 'Studies In Amos' New Book For January Study

**NASHVILLE**—The book of  
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The author is professor  
of Old Testament and  
archaeology at Golden Gate  
Baptist Theological Seminary,  
Mill Valley, California.

In the nine chapters of  
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## DEVOTION

## Christian Example

By Roy D. Raddin, Pastor, Second, Greenville

Paul wrote to Timothy in I Timothy 4:12: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers. . . ." As we all preach some kind of sermon with our lives, certainly the greatest sermon any of us will ever preach will be in the light of Christian example. We must never forget that we, as Christians, are living epistles read and known of all men. II Corinthians 3:2-3: "Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart."

I read recently that an illegible and scratchy handwriting indicated a smart person. This study tried to show that, in scribbling, a person indicated that his mind could think faster than his hand could write. Whether this be true or not, the point of the living epistle which Paul is discussing with the church at Corinth is an epistle of our own lives and it must be legible to the world. This is also the main thought of the scripture we consider in I Timothy 4:12.

One thing which might have caused Timothy to keep silent was his comparative youth. Timothy, around thirty-five years of age, was still young compared to the other religious leaders of his day at Ephesus. Therefore Paul encourages Timothy not to let men set him aside on this account. He says, "Let no man despise thy youth." Older men, because of a false asceticism, enjoyed power and a reputation of saintliness. Timothy, on the other hand, was to look to the Master for help and to depend upon divine grace. He was to seek earnestly to understand God's Word and God's Will in order to be an ambassador for Christ, regardless of how many or how few his years. After all, isn't age a relative matter?

The danger arising from Timothy's comparative youth is to be refuted by presenting himself as a model or pattern of sound understanding and Christian character. I think this is the first duty of any Christian: to be an example in understanding, character, and life. Paul told Titus in Titus 2:7: "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works." Titus 2:1: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine." We are exhorted in I Peter 5:3 to "be an example to the flock."

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that we should be a Christian example for mere show or to try to impress people. John the Baptist reminds us: "He must increase, but I must decrease." Whatever we do in our Christian life is for HIS glory. Matthew 5:16: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

On an occasion recently, a preacher friend of mine delivered a marvelous sermon. Afterwards, as I stood nearby, a lady came up, took his hand, and said, "You're wonderful." The preacher responded immediately, "No, Ma'am, I'm not wonderful. But I'll tell you one thing. I have a wonderful Saviour. In fact, his name is called Wonderful!" The most wonderful thing about you, as a Christian, is the fact that you have a wonderful God. But let me remind you quickly that He is a jealous God. All of us had better be sure in our example that all of the praise and honor and glory we receive goes to Him.

## REVIVAL DATES

Highland, Jackson: November 6-13; Rev. John Bennett McBride (pictured), Atlanta, Ga., associate secretary of the Department of Rural-



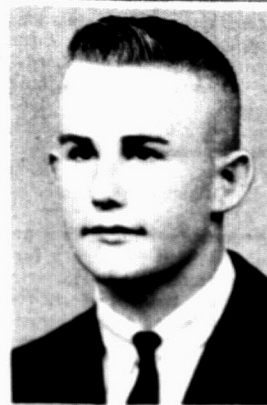
Urban Missions, Home Mission Board SBC, native of Jackson and former superintendent of missions, Rankin County, evangelist; Rev. Keith Hart, pastor; weekday services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday services at 8:30 a. m., 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Beulah (Simpson): November 23-27; Rev. Walter Gurley, new pastor, evangelist; Miss Bonnie Young, Oxford, soloist.

Grandview Church, Jackson: November 6 through 13; Sunday Services 10:40 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.; Monday through Saturday 6:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Evangelist: Rev. Carey Cox, Brandon; Song Leader: Bob Pollard; Rev. Bill Beam, pastor.

West Jackson Church, Jackson: November 6-13; Rev. Don E. Wainwright, pastor and evangelist; Dan Hall, secretary, Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, in charge of music.

Riverside, Clarksdale: November 6-13; Dr. S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Georgia, evangelist; stewardship revival; weekday services at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Clyde A. Williams, pastor.



## New Providence Calls New Pastor

New Providence Church, Copiah County, has called as pastor, Rev. Ronny Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Robinson of Brookhaven.

A junior at Mississippi College, Mr. Robinson was ordained by Friendship Church, Lincoln County, on October 18. He is married to the former Gayera Lane Case of Brookhaven.

## Sullivan Named As MC Alumnus Of Year 1966

One of the most prominent men among Southern Baptists was named Saturday as "Alumnus of the Year" for 1966 at Mississippi College.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, received the honor at the Alumni Association's annual dinner during Homecoming at the college. The award was presented by Dr. R. A. McLemore, president of the college.

The presentation was one of the highlights of the Homecoming Day celebration which saw alumni also elect new officers for the coming year, attend the dedication services for the new President's Home and observe the presentation of the 100,000th volume to the Leland Speed Library.

In making the presentation of the framed certificate, Dr. McLemore told of Dr. Sullivan's contributions to college, church, denomination and community since his graduation from Mississippi College in 1932.

In addition to the certificate, Dr. Sullivan will also have his name added to the permanent bronze plaque located in the foyer of the B. C. Rogers Student Center.



PICTURED from left to right: Rev. Wendell A. Gilmore, pastor, and members of the Planning Building Committee: Joe Moore, Donald Moffett, Varnell Warren, Chairman; and Rudolph Harrison.

## Westwood Breaks Ground For Sanctuary

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held recently at Westwood Church, Meridian, for a new sanctuary which will seat 550. Two classrooms will be later converted into additional seating space. The sanctuary will be Colonial, both interior and exterior. The porch will feature white Colonial columns; the windows will have shutters; and the windows in the 63-foot steeple will have windows with shutters. The new edifice will be centrally heated and air-conditioned.

From the time of its organization on June 12, 1949, until 1962, the church was known as Key Field. In 1962 under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. Wade Allen, the church was relocated on its present site and the name changed to Westwood. On October 23, 1962, the first two units of a long-range building plan were occupied. The temporary sanctuary was occupied at that time had a seating capacity of 150.

Rev. Wendell A. Gilmore, the present pastor, moved to Westwood on January 5, 1964. Four months later a building committee was elected by the church and put into action, planning for unit III. This unit

was occupied in October of 1964. The pastor recalls, "The growth of our church was so rapid that in four months time we were out of space again." Since that time the young people's department has been meeting in the pastor's home; other classes meeting in the kitchen of the church, the library, assembly rooms, the temporary sanctuary, baptistry dressing rooms, and the pastor's study. When unit III was added the sanctuary was enlarged to seat 275 persons. It has been being filled to capacity for almost two years, with folding chairs used on special occasions.

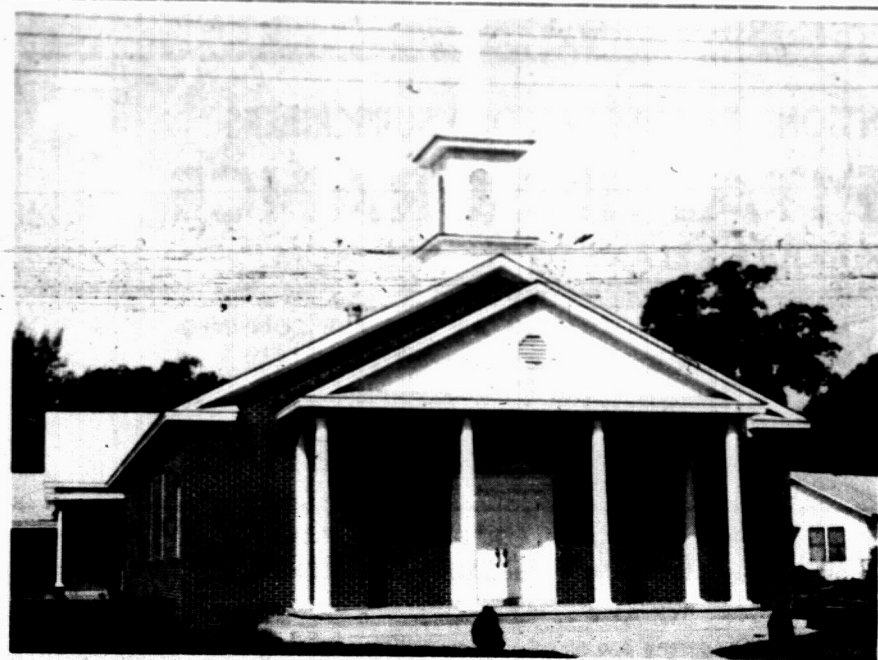
The groundbreaking which was held on September 11, 1966 for a permanent sanctuary, will bring the total floor space to 12,444 sq. ft. as compared to only 4,800 sq. ft. in 1964. The space being presently used for a sanctuary will be converted into an adult department and a fellowship hall.

Since Mr. Gilmore assumed the duties of this pastorate there have been 373 new members enrolled in Sunday school, the enrolment more than doubling in this 34-month period. Also 154 new members

have been enrolled in Training Union and the net gain has been approximately 90%. There have been 250 additions to the church, 93 coming by profession of faith for baptism. Church membership has gained 62%.

Rev. Gilmore states, "Another thing that thrills my heart is to have had nine young people to give their lives to full-time Christian service." Additions to the church staff have been Mrs. Billie Renfrow, secretary, and Robert E. Haney, minister of music. Other achievements include the purchasing of a three-bedroom parsonage, the purchasing of a Baldwin electronic organ and a Baldwin piano. Gifts to all mission causes have increased more than 300 per cent during the same period of time; the church receipts have tripled, and the value of the church property has tripled, from \$37,000 to \$111,000.

The Cooperative Program furnishes the services of six commissions: (1) Brotherhood, (2) Christian Life, (3) Education, (4) Historical, (5) Radio and Television, and (6) Stewardship Commission.



## Riverside Church Dedicates Sanctuary

Riverside Church, Pascagoula, held the dedication service for their new building Sunday, October 23.

The pastor, Rev. Gus Merritt, led in the service of dedication and the prayer of dedication. Dr. Norman W. Cox preached the dedication sermon. Others on the program were Rev. Clarke McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula; Rev. Van Hardin, pastor of First Church, Moss Point; Rev. John Laney, Supt. of Missions, Jackson County; Rev. Byron Parker, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church; Miss Nell Allen, soloist; Mrs. N. G. Montgomery, pianist; Mrs. Mildred Beasley, organist, and Jimmy Hanafor, interim minister of music.

The new building (shown above) is a wood frame construction with brick veneer, has 5000 square feet of floor space under roof, and will seat 300 people. The interior (at right) is done in pre-finished "whitestone" plywood paneling and trimmed in light blue. The furnishings are mahogany trimmed in light blue. It is lighted with indirect lighting and three colonial chandeliers. The building is completely air-conditioned and cost under \$50,000, completely furnished.



## Union County Establishes Christian Action Committee

The Union County Association in its annual meeting October 18 and 19 evidenced an intensified interest in the relation of Christian principles to the moral and social problems of modern life, by the organization of a Christian Action Committee.

Rev. Don Miller, Pastor of Center Church was appointed chairman, with Rev. David Fox, pastor of Temple Church and Donald Bragg, layman from Mt. Church, New Albany as associate members. The

committee was organized along the same lines as the Christian Action Commission of the state convention.

The committee's basic objectives can be summarized as: the providing of information, encouragement and help to the pastors and the churches; to provide a channel of cooperation with the state commission; and to work by all available means and media in the carrying of Jesus Christ over all of life.

## Churches In The News

The New Hope Church in Simpson County will have their homecoming day, Sunday, November 6th, with the program beginning at 11 o'clock. There will be all day singing and fellowship with dinner at the noon hour.

Calvary Church, Belsoni, is having annual Homecoming Day November 6. Rev. S. L. Couch, former pastor, will speak at the morning service. Following dinner on the ground will be singing in the afternoon. All former pastors are invited as special guests, says Rev. Gerald Porter, present pastor. All contributions will go toward retirement of the debt on the new sanctuary.

Straight Bayou Church, Anguilla, will observe Homecoming, Day November 6. Morning and afternoon messages will be delivered by former pastors. The noon meal will be served at the church, according to the pastor, Rev. J. H. Jones. The annual Harvest Offering to be taken on that date will help continue the building improvement program.

## North Carolina Baptist Training Union Man Dies

RALEIGH, N.C. (BP)—James P. Morgan, 55, secretary of the Training Union department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina for the past 16 years, died here Oct. 6 after several months of declining health.

His father, the late Perry Morgan, was a pioneer Baptist leader in North Carolina, serving as secretary of the Baptist Young People's Union, and the Sunday School department of the North Carolina convention. Later he was manager of Edgemoor Baptist Assembly, Edgemoor, N.C.

Morgan was survived by his wife and two daughters.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—The children of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin "Pete" Foster of Hazlehurst received pins on October 2 at Spring Hill Church, Copiah County, for perfect attendance in Sunday school. Right to left, above: Denise, 9, five-year pin; Cecile, 13, six-year pin; and Robert Keith "Bob", 4, three-year pin. Cecile is pianist for the Youth Department; she and Denise are members of Youth Choir. They and their parents are active members of the church. W. T. Parker is Sunday school superintendent, and Dr. E. R. Pinson is interim pastor.



## Beulah (Simpson) Calls Pastor

Beulah Church, Hager, has called Rev. Walter Gurley as pastor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Gurley of Memphis, Tenn. He with the former Cecile Young is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.

## 51 ENROLL IN CALI SEMINARY

The International Baptist Theological Seminary, in Cali, Colombia, began the new school year in September with a record enrollment of 51 students, from four countries—Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, and Peru. Twenty-seven are pursuing various courses of study in the theology, 22 are studying religious education, and two are auditing classes.



MRS. CURTIS E. FLOYD, wife of Drew Chief of Police, was named Drew's Outstanding Business Woman for the year, at the annual Banquet of the Business and Professional Women's Club October 11. Mrs. Floyd was selected on her qualifications as a good business woman, her ability to work with other people, and her loyal service to her church and community. She is an active member of Drew Church, member and past president of the Woman's Missionary Union, worked as leader of Royal Ambassadors for 12 years, has taught Sunday School for over 18 years, has served on various committees of her church. She is active in many civic and benevolent causes.

BILLY H. THAMES of Magee has accepted the position as minister of music and education at Mt. Zion Church, Rankin County, where he began work on October 2. A student at Hinds Junior College, he formerly served as minister of music at Pine Grove Church, Simpson County. Rev. Johnnie Jones is the Mt. Zion pastor.

## SLAYDEN GIVES PINS TO THREE OVER 5 YEARS

On October 23, Slayden Church recognized the following for perfect attendance in Sunday school, above five years: Betty R. Swinney, nine years; Rev. M. L. Swinney, pastor, ten years; Shirley J. Swinney, 16 years. Donald Stone, Sunday school superintendent, made the awards. Four others received pins for under five years.

L. Young of Westford, Wis. Both are students at Wheaton College.



WESTSIDE CHURCH, HAZLEHURST recently honored W. H. (Bob) Patrick to the ministry. The first to be honored by the new church, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Patrick of Hazlehurst. A recent graduate of Hazlehurst High School, he is now enrolled at Christian College, Jackson. He has several youth contacts assigned to the area. Rev. James T. Smith is pastor of Westside.